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Thousands of public safety officials made their way to the NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township Monday morning to pay tribute to Ofc. Gordon "Lew" Stevens, who was killed in the line of duty last week. They came from as far away as Chicago to honor their fallen brethren.

Communities mourn fallen Canton police officer

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Hundreds of police, fire and public safety officers filled the quiet lobby of the NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township Monday. Some came as far north as Mackinac Island and as far west as Chicago, IL.

They were among the more than 1,000 people who came to honor Ofc. Gordon (Lew) Stevens, a 25-year veteran of the Canton Police Department who was killed in the line of duty July 23 when a speeding car rammed into his parked police cruiser. Canton police officers wiped away tears

after they paid their last respects in the sanctuary where Ofc. Stevens' flag-covered casket rested. Later, officers quietly talked, cried, comforted each other and laughed as they shared stories of the easy-going and jovial natured Ofc Stevens.

The anecdotes they repeated made it evident that Ofc. Stevens was a good police officer and an even better person.

As a solemn tribute, all the officers' badges were wrapped with a black band with 126, Stevens' badge number, emblazoned on it.

More tears were shed as the flag-draped casket was ushered into the cathedral accompanied by sounds of Caber Feidh, a

bagpipe band, led by Canton Police Capt. Alex Wilson.

"Today, July 28, we lay to rest one of our own," said John Santomauro Canton director of public safety. "Lew was a cop's cop. He gave of himself, not only to the community he served, but to everyone in the room."

Ofc. Stevens began his career with the Canton Police Department as a reserve officer in 1976 and was one of the original officers hired in 1978 when the police department began providing full-time police services to the community.

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Romulus buys 3 vehicles

Bobby Jones
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members agreed with public safety officials Monday night when they voted to approve the purchase of three new light-duty EMS vehicles for the city.

"This is a good thing and it is long overdue," said Council President Randolph Gear. "It just makes good sense to have well maintained EMS vehicles on the road because that helps save lives."

The total cost of the new vehicles is listed at \$232,380.00 and a Community Development Block Grant will cover most of the \$173,936.87 cost. The balance of the cost, \$58, 443.13 will come from the city machinery equipment and motor vehicle account.

The vehicles will replace three existing EMS vehicles currently in use.

"The vehicles we have now are older and in need of repair," said Fire Chief David Allison.

The original call went out for companies to submit bids on May 29. Once the bids were received, officials compiled a list of companies interested in supplying the city with the vehicles. According to city officials, seven firms were extended formal invitations to put in a bid in addition to the public notice.

According to public safety officials, five bid packages were received and opened publicly on June 24, 2003.

Companies offering the lowest bids for the EMS vehicles were considered first and Wheeled Coach offered the lowest bid and the best vehicles for the money, according to officials.

Director of Public Safety Charles Kirby and Allison were key in recommending Wheeled Coach for the bid.

"Some key factors were taken into consideration," Allison said. "Two of those factors considered were the 3-year, 36,000-mile warranty offered by the Wheeled Coach Co. and also a lifetime warranty that extends to all electrical and electrical components for the vehicles."

"This is an exciting time," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "We are updating the fire department and the police department and the new vehicles are a much needed addition. This will help keep the city moving forward."

New facility provides more day care options

Bobbie Jones
Staff Writer

Residents of Belleville and the surrounding communities have a new choice for day care.

The Open Arms Family Resource and Day Care Center, which is affiliated with the Lutheran Church, opened last month.

Located at 7865 Belleville Road in Belleville the center is already more than half full according to Center Director Chrissy McKiddie.

"We have spaces for 60 children and we have already filled 38 for the beginning of the fall school year," she said.

According to McKiddie, the new facility was constructed to help fill the growing demand for quality childcare in the area. The center is currently enrolling children from 6 weeks old through the age of 13.

"This was a labor of love," McKiddie said. The original concept for the center came from a handful of worshipers



The Open Arms Family Resource and Day Care Center, which is affiliated with the Lutheran Church, opened last month.

from St. Luke's Church located in Ann Arbor.

Once the concept took hold and everyone was in agreement

on the plan the work began.

"A group called Laborers for Christ pitched in and performed the initial work once

ground was broken last spring," McKiddie said.

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Obituaries

SPENCER, Dorothy Ruth

Dorothy Ruth Spencer, 78, of Whitmore Lake, died July 21. Among her survivors are her children, Gerrie, Kathy and Kelly; grandchildren, Jenny, Cres and Jacob, and her brothers, Emil, Wally and Jim. Arrangements were entrusted to the Duzak Funeral Home.

RAKOTZ, Ann C.

Ann C. Rakotz, 89, of Romulus, died July 22. Among her survivors are her six sons, Melvin (Shirley) Rakotz of Belleville, Eugene (Claudette) Rakotz of New Boston, Ralph (Billie) Rakotz of New Boston, Hubert (Carol) Rakotz of Phoenix, AZ, David (Judy) Rakotz of Saline and Richard (Carol) Rakotz of Romulus; a brother, Mike (Theresa) Schulte of Little Falls, MN; sisters, Theresa Hammer of St. Paul, MN and Rose (Norb) Determan of Clear Water MN; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson. Mrs. Rakotz was employed as a cook at Romulus High School. Widowed in 1949, she raised eight sons as a single parent.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church where Mrs. Rakotz was a member, with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

FARNS, Muriel A.

Muriel A. Farns, 83, of Belleville, formerly of Warren, died July 22, at home. Among her survivors are her step-daughter, Marjorie

(Raymond) Spino of Belleville, three step-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

WOODWARD, Mary Alice

Mary Alice Woodward, 69, of Ypsilanti, died July 16 in Ypsilanti. Among her survivors are her children, Breda Proffitt of Ypsilanti, Johnnie (Martha) Proffitt of West Virginia, Charmaine Proffitt of Ypsilanti, David "Wayne" Proffitt of Belleville; stepchildren, Paula Jean Woodward and Kenneth Woodward, both of Texas and Jeffrey Woodward of Ypsilanti; sister, Lora Bell (Ted) Greer of Salem, VA; brother, Charles (Elsie) Blankenship of Virginia; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were in Ironto, VA. Interment was at Halls Church Cemetery in Ironto, VA. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C., Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

FERRARA, Marceline

Marceline "Marcie" Ferrara, 78, of Belleville, formerly of Traverse City, died July 26. Among her survivors are her husband of 50 years, Samuel C. Ferrara; children, Robert J. Ferrara of Northville, Linda R. (Joseph) Wyatt of Belleville and Tom (Teri) Ferrara of Traverse City; brother, Mike DeWaegenare of St. Clair Shores; sister, Mary Ann Osborne, also of St. Claire Shores; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ferrara was a 27-year member of the Bible Baptist Church of Traverse City. Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Haynes officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

BOGGS, Hollistine

Hollistine Boggs, 76, of Inkster, died June 22, at home. Among her survivors are her children, Leroy, Tandra and DeJoli; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and eight adopted children. Mrs. Boggs was a member of the Myra Chapter 119 of the International Order of Eastern Star. Funeral services were at Gethsemane Baptist Church where Mrs. Boggs was a member, with the Rev. John Duckworth officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

KENDRICK, Merlean

Merlean Kendrik, 76, of Canton Township, died June 28 in Ann Arbor. Among her survivors are her daughters, Carolyn; three grandsons, Derrick, Pete and Antoine, and her great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Virgil Humes officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

LAMKIN, Norman Lewis

Norman Lewis Lamkin, 71, of Detroit, died June 29. Among his survivors are his

wife, Margaret, daughters, Shahidah and Sandra; a son, Edwin, and several grandchildren. Mr. Lamkin worked for the Inkster Post Office, the Inkster Fire Department and the Detroit Sanitation Department. Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with Evangelist Sarah E. Lowe officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

PTOMEY, Irene

Irene C. Ptomey, 95, of Detroit, died June 28. Among her survivors are her daughter, Mary E. W. Penn and great nieces and nephews, Henry, Frances, Wilma, William III and Carolyn. Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Tolan Morgan Sr officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

WILSON, Raymond

Raymond A. Wilson, 60, of Westland, died June 27, in Wayne. Among his survivors are his fiancée, Renee Rollins and his ex-wife Alice Wilson. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

HURST, Dorothy

Dorothy Hurst, 74, of Inkster, died July 19. Among her survivors are her son; three daughters; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at the Cathedral of Faith Church where Mrs. Hurst was a member, with the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert officiating. Mrs. Hurst was a Licensed Practical Nurse, prior to her

retirement. Arrangements were entrusted to the Beams of Heaven Funeral Home in Inkster.

HAMES, Norma L.

Norma L. Hames, 67, of Wayne, died March 29. Among her survivors are her children, Bryan (Christy) Holmes and Lisa Holmes; a sister, Dorothy "Dot" Brault; brothers, Jay Whitsel and Don Whitsel; granddaughter, Cathryn Holmes, and grandsons, Matthew Holmes, Luke Holmes and Derrick Kirkup. Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. David Dahlberg officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

ROBINSON, Kelley Michelle

Kelley Michelle Robinson, 5, of Inkster, died Oct. 6, 2002 at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Among her survivors are her parents, Vincent and Sherry Robinson; brothers, Vincent and Joshua; sisters, Bianca and Dominique; grandmothers, Eva Hines (Lt. Joseph Hines) of Inkster and Walta Robinson (Lt. Lawrence Robinson) of Westland; a great-grandmother, Ruth Wimberly and Lt. Willie Wimberly of Inkster, and several grand uncles, aunts and cousins. Funeral services were at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne with the Rev. Virgil Humes officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Gardens in Flat Rock. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-064-99-000-3-711; also known as Amoco gas station. This property is located on the west side of Belleville Rd., between north I-94 Expressway Service Drive and Tyler Roads.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren C1 (General Business) Zoning District. The applicant, Sadek Properties, LLC, is requesting a variance request to the 25-foot rear yard setback.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE XVII SECTION 17.02 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, REAR YARD SETBACK, C1 General Business

25-foot rear yard setback required
15-foot rear yard setback proposed
10-foot variance requested

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-111-99-001 and 1.51 acres of V125-83-111-99-0011-002. This property is located on the north side of Hull Road, between Sumpter and Elwell Roads.

The subject site is located within the Charier Township of Van Buren R1-B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant, Oak Creek Woods LLC, is requesting an appeal from the Planning Commission's decision dated May 14, 2003 granting Conditional Preliminary Site Plan Approval subject to items and recommendations listed in McKenna's letter dated May 8, 2003 and Wade Trim's letter dated May 9, 2003.

The applicant is requesting the following:

1. ARTICLE IV, Section 4.51 APPEALS FROM A DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

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Businessman pledges to promote city, help groups

Bobbie Jones
Staff Writer

Romulus business owner Sal Ayoub began a new chapter in his life when he officially opened his business, The Romulus Pizzeria, this month.

According to Ayoub, the grand opening is just the beginning.

"It's a tough business but I love it," he said. Even, he said, if it means working 15 hours a day and wearing many different hats.

Ayoub is the owner, manager, bookkeeper and chef – and those are just a few of his duties at the shop, which is located at 35427 Goddard Road. But Ayoub said he has been in the food service business for 19 years, and he is just doing what comes naturally to him – cooking and sharing.

He said the 15-hour days are just a part of the restaurant business. He said he knows eventually he will have to slow down and conserve his energy.

"With the amount of food I give

for the price, I will never get rich," Ayoub said smiling.

But he said he isn't in the business to make a lot of money.

"I am here for the community," he said. He has extended his services to local church groups and charities if they are ever in need of food or catering for fundraisers and events. "Anything I can do to help," he said.

Born in Syria, Ayoub was the first member of his family to move to America. That was in 1981. His brothers and cousins soon followed to begin their new lives in the states. With a strong belief that America possessed a wealth of opportunity, Ayoub began his hard work and struggle on his way to becoming a success.

"I have worked everywhere and done everything," he said.

Ayoub worked in Ohio and New York as a cook before he settled in Michigan which, he said, "has been a good choice."

Of course, Ayoub said he wants his business to be a successful one, but he said he isn't concerned



Romulus business owner, Sal Ayoub (center, right), celebrated the grand opening of his business with family and friends last week. Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert, on Ayob's left, dropped in to wish the new business owner well.

if that doesn't happen overnight. His dedication to his customers, family, food and friends are the most important things to him.

"I don't want to grow too fast."

Ayoub jokes. "If I become a chain I won't be able to keep an eye on everything."

The restaurant's menu has a variety of food items and baked

goods to choose from, like pizza, chicken, ribs and subs. Church groups and charities that are in need of catered food for fundraisers can call (734) 941-4400.



The funeral for Canton Police Ofc. Gordon "Lew" Stevens concluded with a military salute and an extensive motorcade. He was driven back to the department he worked at for 25 years en route to his final resting place. Stevens was killed by speeding motorist last week.

Mourning- Canton officer remembered fondly

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Early in his career, Ofc. Stevens worked as a traffic officer and an evidence technician. He also participated in a number of assignments including the detective bureau, crime prevention and police/community relations. Ofc. Stevens received numerous letters from community groups and citizens commending his job performance.

During his career, Ofc. Stevens

received several departmental awards, including a commendation and a certificate of merit.

He also received a Distinguished Service Medal from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police for his successful intervention of an armed robbery in progress.

"If you knew Lew you could not help but be affected by him," said Wayne Byrum Canton police chaplain. "He was easygoing and always had that great big smile."



Ofc. Gordon (Lew) Stevens

base. The normal daily activities include learning activities, playtime, snacks and meals and also individual interaction with a consistent caregiver. There are also church services offered every Sunday at 10 a.m.

"We currently have 15 staff members," McKiddie said. "We keep the student/teacher ratio very small so that students can get the individual attention they need."

McKiddie said that the center has another plan in the works.

"Once the center reaches its enrollment goals we plan to expand," she said. According to McKiddie the center will expand to include a senior center as well as a child care center.

"The expansion plan has already been approved and monies set aside."

The center hopes to be an all-inclusive resource center where families can come and get the services they need and that is a pretty lofty goal according to McKiddie.

"It is what we are here for."

Romulus man held in attack on police chief

The incident that left a Romulus teen with a gunshot wound to the chest remains under investigation by the Monroe County Sheriff and the South Rockwood Police Department.

Romulus resident Keith Hall, 17, was apparently shot during an altercation with South Rockwood Police Chief Kevin Walters early Friday morning.

Reports of the incident indicate that Walters arranged to meet a friend of Hall's, Matthew Schieda, 19, also of Romulus. Accounts of the incident, released by the office of the Monroe County Prosecutor, confirm that the police chief and Schieda agreed to meet.

Schieda and Walters met first at a Trenton White Castle restaurant and from there went in separate vehicles to an elementary school playground next door to the South Rockwood Police Station, according to reports of the incident.

Schieda and Walters left their vehicles and walked a short distance away, according to reports, for a private conversation.

Allegedly, as Schieda and Walters returned and walked toward the police chief's car, Hall approached the pair. An altercation ensued and Hall reportedly struck Walters, 40, with an aluminum baseball bat.

Walters alleges that attack prompted his firing of his weapon. He was treated and released from a downriver hospital last Friday.

Schieda, on probation for an unrelated felony, was arraigned Monday in 1st District Court on a charge of assault with intent to rob while armed. He is being held at the Monroe County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

He faces a preliminary court examination on the charges Aug. 11. Hall remains at Henry Ford Hospital where his condition is rated as "good". He also has been charged with assault with intent to rob while armed.

Hall's attorney, Paul Swanson, said the teens met Walters through the internet.

The police chief is presently on administrative leave.

Summer programs are popular

Romulus students are finding out just how much fun summer school can be as they enjoy the variety of programs offered by the Romulus School District.

Elementary and middle school students participated in a combined Romulus Schools/ Wayne County program that offered individual and small class tutorial activities this summer.

Elementary school students attended Wick and Merriman schools and received small group tutoring four times a week in 45-minute sessions. The tutorial program was combined with boys' and girls' club summer activities at both sites.

The program received a \$20,000 stipend from Wayne County along with an additional \$25,000 to help defray costs.

"All of my students have a real seriousness of purpose and want to be here," noted teacher Joseph Commander.

Commander added, "Student behavior has been excellent and the students attendance and accomplishment has been very gratifying."

School officials stated that the goal of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was to help provide a meaningful summer program for "at risk" students in Wayne County.

Care

FROM PAGE 1

"Laborers for Christ is made up of a group of retired citizens with the average age being 75. The workers travel from city to city in RV's building churches and laying the groundwork and building foundations for new churches," McKiddie explained.

The center combines an educational curriculum with a Christian

Women's club collecting books for children's gifts

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Jane Vesche is a woman who spends her work day bringing beauty into the lives of others. And now, the owner of Main Street Flowers in Belleville, is helping to bring beauty into younger lives as well, through the magic of books.

Vesche is collecting new and used children's books at her store for the Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club. The club is a long-standing organization in the community whose motto is "to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information."

Vesche, a member at large of the club, said this is the second year the club has taken up the collection. Last year they received hundreds of books, which went to organizations such as the Goodfellows, St. Vincent DePaul, and a local church for placement in Thanksgiving gift baskets for needy families. Some books were also donated to local libraries, she said. The club takes a personal interest in education, Vesche said.

"Education is important to us. Books are good to give because it's a lasting thing," Vesche said.

The women's club also gives scholarships each year to high school seniors and one to a mature woman returning to school. Members are also involved in the national Make a Difference Day each year by donating bags of personal items to a safe house for battered women, according to Vesche.

The Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club dates back to 1947. The club currently has 45 members, and some older members remember the first years of the organization history,



Jane Vesche of Main Street Flowers in Belleville is taking up a collection of new and used children's books to be donated to various charitable organizations and libraries in the area. Donations can be dropped off at Main Street Flowers from now until Thanksgiving.

Vesche said.

Members are not required to be residents of the City of Belleville, Van Buren or Sumpter townships, Vesche said. Some come from as far away as Detroit.

"It's nice to be there and meet other women who are working omen," Vesche said. "A lot of nice ladies. A lot of history."

Vesche said children's books can be dropped off at Main Street Flowers, located at 210 Main St. until Thanksgiving. For more information contact Vesche at (734) 697-7400. To inquire about membership leave a message at the club office at (734) 697-6677.

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The Public hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-8'1-056-01-020'0-000; also know as 42079 Arthur Street. This property is located on the southeast corner of Arthur and Buchanan Streets in Van Buren Estates Subdivision.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R-1C (Single Family Residential,) Zoning District. The applicant is requesting a variance from the 30-foot front yard setback, and the 10-foot side yard setback. to construct a second story addition of 91-8 square feet

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE XVII SECTION 17.02 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, FRONT YARD SETBACK AND SIDE YARD SETBACK, R1-C Single Family Residential

30-foot front yard setback required
24-foot front yard setback proposed
6-foot variance requested

10-foot side yard setback required
8-foot side yard setback proposed
2-foot variance requested

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

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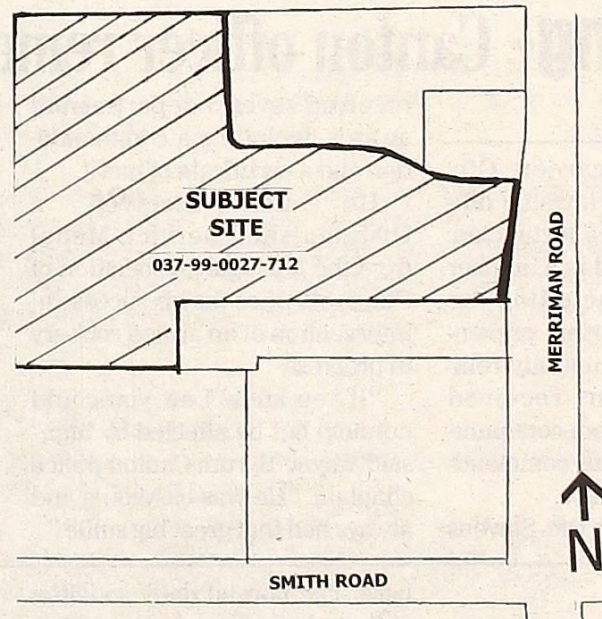
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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL LAND USE SERVICE/MAINTENANCE BUILDING FOR QWIK PARK

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use. The request is to allow a service/maintenance building as accessory to the existing Qwik Park long-term parking lot. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to construct a service/maintenance building on a parcel of land located at 7782 Merriman, parcel 82-80037-99-00027-712. The parcel is zoned RC, Regional Center District. The service/maintenance building is proposed as an accessory use for the existing parking facility on site. Service buildings are permitted in the RC, Regional Center district, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 5, 2003, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Encore

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra wins national award

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) has received an award and a small cash stipend from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

It is the second such award for the PSO. Last year was the first time that the 56-year-old regional orchestra won the award, which recognizes the use of contemporary music during a performance season.

According to Linda Alvarado, PSO program coordinator, the award came with a \$400 cash prize, though the prestige that accompanies the award is what's most important to her.

"We feel we're in pretty good company," she said. "The Detroit Symphony Orchestra got one, too, though they're in a different division than us because they've got a larger budget. We got one of the three or four awards the ASCAP will give out (nationwide) in our division this year."

The PSO won the award for the use of *Dream of the Blue Dolphins*, a composition of recent vintage that played a prominent role in programs the orchestra operates with area

students.

Though the award went to the PSO, it was Composer Nan Washburn who entered the group in the contest.

"She's got a gift for these things," Alvarado said.

"It's the 15th ASCAP award she's received."

The ASCAP is a membership organization representing composers, songwriters, lyricists and music publishers.

Those artists are the ones who benefit most when the music they write becomes popular while they're still alive and trying to make a living.

The ASCAP award creates an incentive for groups like the PSO to support living artists and composers.

That strategy appears to be working with the PSO, which will feature more contemporary works in the coming concert season.

The opening concert, *Inspiration and Metamorphosis*, pays homage to past composers while using their music

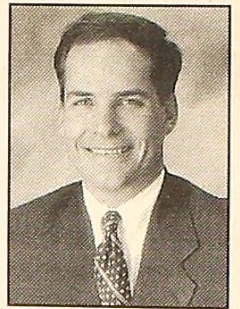
to say something new.

Composer Libby Larsen will be on hand for the Saturday, Oct. 11 performance of her work. She'll also be in town for a discussion with concertgoers before the show, and during an in-depth question and answer session the Friday night before.

Washburn was in town last weekend for rehearsals with the PSO youth orchestra, a music camp and to help square away contracts with PSO musicians for the coming year.

Washburn splits her time between Plymouth and Los Angeles, where she lives and conducts the West Hollywood Orchestra.

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Students receive Schoolcraft degrees

Schoolcraft College recently awarded degrees to several students from Wayne.

Among the 2003 graduates were: Laura Lee Bane, Kathryn Melanie Cesarz, Pamela Dawn Connole, Krista Lynn Daily, Christine Marie DeGiusti, Andrea Jeanelle Edgar, Jodie Lee Garlough, Gwendolyn E. Greene, David Lawrence Johnson, Jeremy Scott Johnston, Earl Leroy LaBean Jr., David Michael

LeTourneau, Jackeline Ann Martin, Craig Allen McGahan Jr., Donna Joy Monson, Alicia Nicole Murphy, Christopher Maurice Nesbitt, Michael Richard Piana, Dawn Marie Ruchala, Kauser Naveed Sandila, Amanda Jo Sehee, Monica Elizabeth Simrak, Margaret Rose Stewart and Jessica Marie Tilson.

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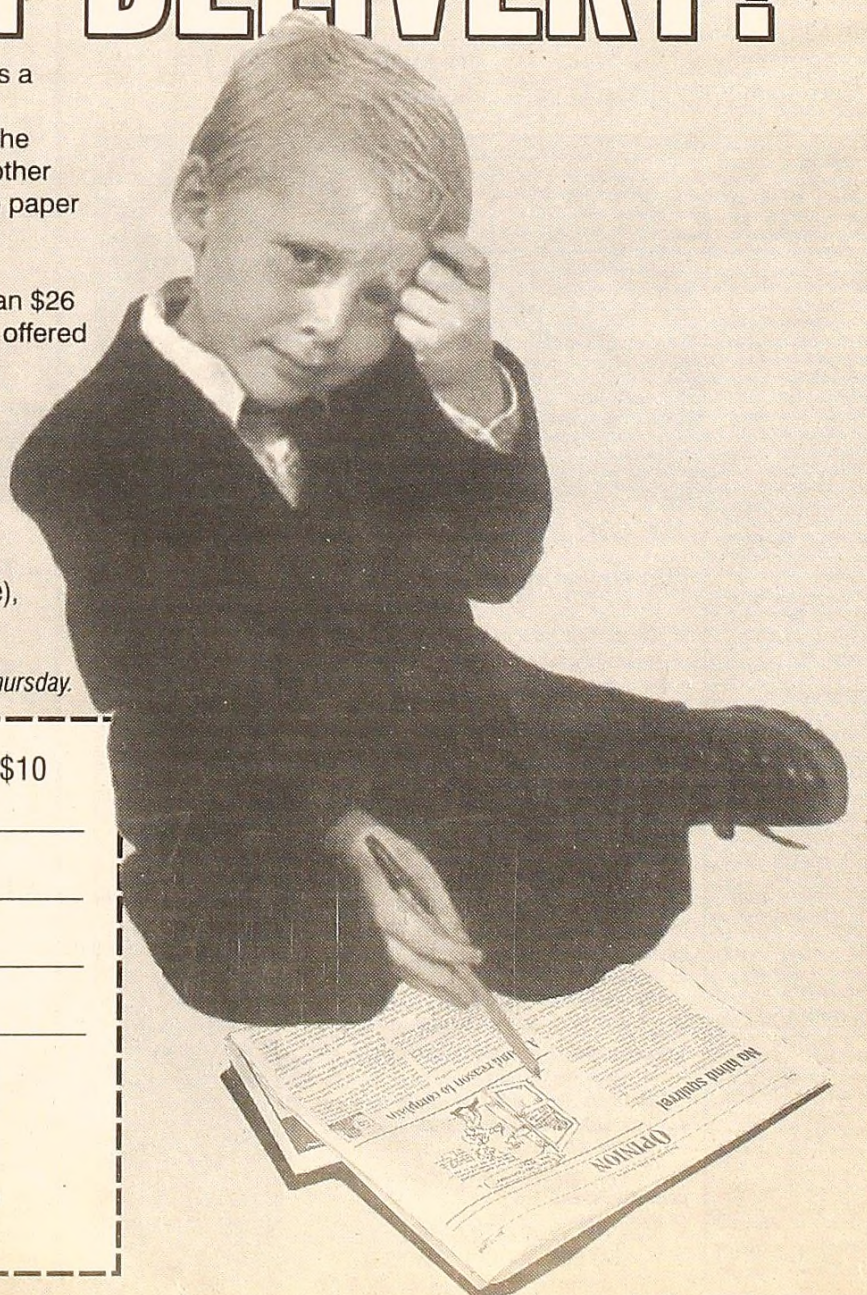
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Celebrities to fill streets during annual 'After Dark' event in Plymouth

Scott Spielman
Editor

The streets of downtown Plymouth will be filled with celebrities next Friday for the annual Plymouth After Dark event organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Like many other downtown business owners, Sandy and Steve Marulis of Michigan Made will be dressing up like movie characters, but this year, they took their participation a step further. They went out and got a real celebrity to entertain shoppers.

The diminutive celebrity fits in with the overall theme the Marulis' and their staff will be celebrating Aug. 8 - *The Wizard of Oz*. His name is Karl Slover, and the 82-year-old, 4-foot, 4-inch tall celebrity was one of the original 'munchkins' from that classic film.

"He played several parts in the movie," said Steve Marulis. "He was one of the trumpeters, one of the munchkins in the nest and one of the marching soldiers." He also has the distinction of being the shortest of the Munchkins in the 1939 movie.

He'll be in the store next Friday for photos, to sign autographs and tell a few anecdotes.

Marulis said that he and his wife came up with the idea when they were on vacation in Myrtle

Beach. Another of the little fellows - there are about nine still alive - was making an appearance at a shop there, he said.

"We went in to check it out, and it was a lot of fun," Marulis said. "He was talking about Judy Garland, and the movie."

It was a perfect thing to build on for the annual Plymouth After Dark event, he said.

The Marulises have been involved with it since they purchased Michigan Made three years ago, according to Marulis. Each year they try out a different theme. During their first year, he dressed up as Kenny Rogers and exited the limousine to the pop and flash of about a dozen planted paparazzi.

The event this year takes place from 5-11 p.m. on Aug. 8. As in past years, it draws from the popularity of the Downtown Fridays concerts in the park. Marulis said that combining the two events was a master stroke.

"People are streaming out of the park after the concert, and then this limo pulls up," he said. "People are outside it, taking pictures, and everyone wonders, 'What's going on here?'" It was timed perfectly.

Steve will dress up as the cowardly lion this time around. Sandy Marulis will don the garb of the scarecrow, and other staff members will dress up, too. One employee will be Dorothy, of course, and Bob Anderson, direc-

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*It's been a lot of fun.
We're pretty pleased.*

Steve Marulis

tor of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will get in on *The Wizard of Oz* theme, too. That's in part because there are so many recognizable characters to choose from, he said, and in part because he was impressed that the Marulis' would take the extra step - and spend some extra money - to bring in Slover.

"I thought it was so cool that they would do that," Anderson said.

It may not be the only appearance Anderson will make that night, by the way, he may bring his banjo and pluck out a few tunes elsewhere, as well.

"It's not impossible that it could happen," Anderson said. It's his first time at the event. He was hired the day before it took place last year, but already had a commitment to go to a seminar on the weekend. He said if he had known then what a good time it was, though, he would've

skipped the seminar and donned a hastily-selected costume.

The Plymouth After Dark event is only three years old. Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, said she started it to give the downtown businesses another boost from a popular event, and draw on the popularity of the downtown concerts.

The extra exposure can help businesses draw in additional customers. At least that's the case for the Marulises.

The economy is difficult and many shops are struggling, but Michigan Made is holding its own.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Marulis of the Plymouth After Dark event. "We're pretty pleased."

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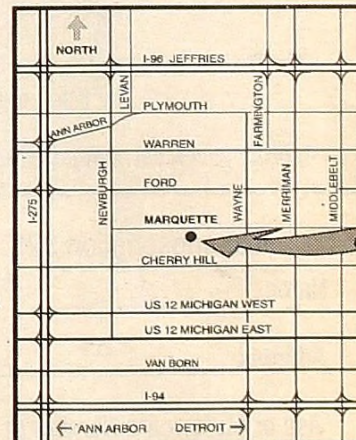
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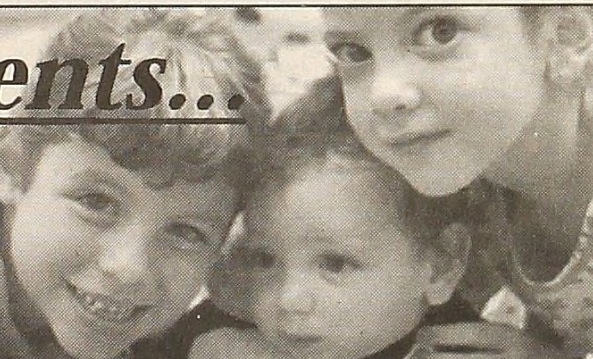
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OPINION

No political motives

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The concept came up during the Summerfest in the City of Inkster last weekend, when city officials approached our Inkster reporter and expressed a measure of surprise about a round of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests that asked questions about the background of one of the candidates seeking election to the city council. The inference was that the reporter was being used, that she was being duped into becoming a part of the political landscape and the balance of her reporting was suspect.

Granted, the individuals didn't come out and say that in those exact words, but the message was heard anyway. Well, guess what? We're journalists. When we hear something about the background of a candidate for public office that may affect his ability to hold office, or the public trust, we check it out. That's our job. During election seasons, one of the top goals we strive for is to inform and inspire voters so they go out and make an informed choice when they cast their ballots.

Sending out FOIA requests about these types of issues is hardly a landmark move in the field of journalism. It happens every day, somewhere. It's in part what they were designed for. Maybe the reaction came because the candidate in question – whom we haven't named because our investigation isn't complete – may be more favorable to the continuation of the Carver Homes project than the councilperson the candidate is opposing. Maybe the individual is just alarmed to have a regular old 'community watchdog' on the city beat.

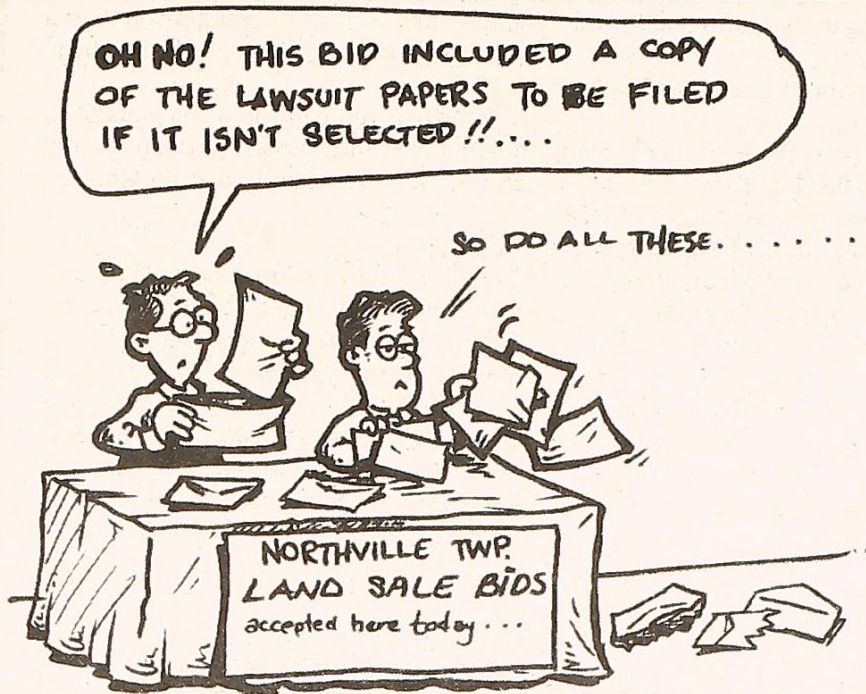
Whatever the reason, the inference is unfounded. Our reporter is merely doing her job, taking a lead and following up on it to determine if anything noteworthy is there. Maybe it would make Inkster officials more comfortable if they knew that, although our reporter scouted out several apartment complexes in Inkster, she decided not to move into the city, and has no political aspirations there.

When words are not enough

Sometimes words, no matter how carefully crafted, are not enough. It's difficult, for example, to express our condolences to the Canton Township Police Department, as well as the law enforcement community in general, for the loss they recently suffered. When Ofc. Gordon "Lew" Stevens was killed in the line of duty last week, the community lost a well-liked, well-respected member of the department.

We know that because we've heard it from members of virtually every police agency nearby, from Wayne to Northville Township. Ofc. Stevens is remembered by everyone who met and worked with him as a jovial and good-natured person. He was known to members of our staff, too. When editor Scott Spielman first started out on the Canton beat, he was one of the first police officers he talked to regularly. It's a somber reminder of the danger those who keep the peace face on a daily basis, even in an instance that does not, at first, appear threatening. Every time they don their uniforms, head in to work their

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A house full of memories

When my family first moved to Canton Township in 1976, there was this cool old house nearby. It wasn't actually in our subdivision, which was near the corner of Ford and Lilley roads, but further south, off Lilley Road. It set a respectful – or maybe disdainful – distance back from the road, on the center of piece of property covered by dandelions in the spring and trim grass in the summer-time.

Even as a kid I knew that house had a history, or if not a history, an attitude. I used to wonder who lived there as we drove on the road to our cookie-cutter subdivision. It was one of those instances where you didn't ask the question because you were afraid the reality wouldn't hold up to the fantasy.

I was shocked the first time I noticed that that regal old house was gone. So shocked, in fact, that I was sure I had just misjudged the place along the road where it had long stood, close to where the residential heart of the township was expanding, yet oddly remote from it. After a quick double take I felt a strange pang of nostalgia, like I had lost something a friend had lent me for safekeeping. The house was simply there one week, and not the next.

That was about a month ago. Since then, I've wondered why the loss of it has stayed with me. I wasn't just the loss of a neat old house, or something snatched from my childhood – in fact our first Michigan house is now part of a

parking lot at Murray's Hardware in Redford. Maybe it was because the first I had heard of it wasn't at a planning commission meeting, or reading it through our paper. Maybe it was because it was a part of the uniqueness of the township that passed so quietly away.

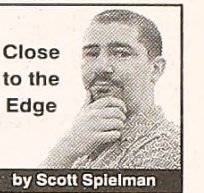
At any rate, the thing I had always liked about the house, even as a kid, is that it seemed so anti-development. Here was this stately-looking home surrounded by intense residential neighborhoods with small square lots and nearly identical architecture. It was a reminder of the way things used to be in the midst of what it would someday become. Someone else described it as 'anti-Canton.'

There won't be too much to mark its passing; the 2-plus acres of land that once formed its comfortable yard will soon be crammed with seven single family homes. The basements for some of them have already been poured – either that or the developer is putting in underground bowling alleys for toddlers, which is the only other thing the tiny narrow foundations could be good for.

The sign outside announces the optimistic name for the development 'Grandover Park,' a promise of luxury homes and a starting price near \$300,000.

Sure, they may be nice and they may be luxurious, but chances are they won't hold a candle to the character of their predecessor.

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Remember today is all we have

Funny thing, I dreamed of death and dying again. No, not mine, although experts say that all the people in your dreams are you. Funny, I say, because life works that way. Things that tie together just kind of happen.

The dreams reminded me of a story a friend told me about an older man, a funeral and living. Let me share it with you.

Will-his mama spelled the name that way on purpose because he was such a strong-willed child – was feeling down. Sitting on the porch stairs of the old house just off the Buttermilk Road, he was sad about Aunt Mary who'd died and was being buried that day.

There was something else troubling Will, but like so many men in the deep South, he wasn't real good at sharing what he was feeling inside.

Clayton Youngblood put his foot on the step next to Will and nodded hello.

Clayton had learned a few things about life and living, fear and dying and sensed Will could use a talkin'.

"These funerals sure got a way of bringin' a man down, 'specially when you get to thinkin' how fast time goes by," Clayton said.

"That's what I was thinkin'," Will admitted. "I ain't got that much time left."

"That kind of thinkin' can kill a man," Clayton said, not meaning to be funny. Will's eyebrow went up.

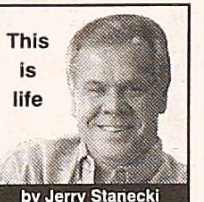
"I ain't told no one about this, Will, but I was having a terrible time a month or so ago. One day I started thinkin' 'bout being 60 years old. That made me feel kinda' sad. The next thing I knew, I was thinking about dying and how I may be 60 outside, (but) I was feelin' like maybe 40 inside and that I had a lot left to do in life and that I was never gonna' get to do it."

"I know exactly what you mean, Clayton." Clayton explained that not too long ago, he was feeling so depressed, he had a hard time getting out of bed. Then-funny how life works-a friend called and asked Clayton for some advice.

"He was stugglin' with a problem," Clayton said. "Fact is, he was stuck. He'd called for help, but wasn't really listening to what I was saying so I got mad. I told him to stop his damn whinin' and start livin,' 'cause today is all we got. He hung up on me. That boy was strong willed."

Will sat there chuckling.

"I went back to feelin' sorry fer myself, until I



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Today - Be grateful for life

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realized that I'd told him what I needed to hear. I was living in the future, and it was stealin' my today."

"Thanks, Clayton, I guess we'd better get inside."

"No, thank you, Will, 'cause if you wouldn't acalled that day, I'd stayed stuck."

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When I get to feeling time is running out, I remember friends.

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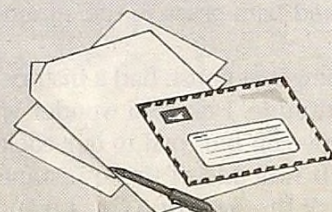
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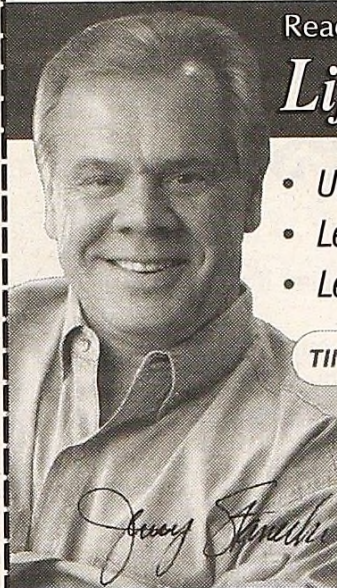
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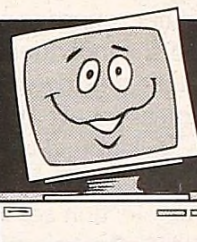
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Veterans home to receive \$175,000 in federal funding

Theresa Werhett
Staff Writer

Veterans, after having given so much, will get a little back when Veteran's Haven, Inc. opens a new housing program in Westland.

The facility, planned for an existing house on Alaska Court, will house up to four veterans. The house will be modernized and brought to code before any veterans move in, according to Vince Berna, president and founder of Veteran's Haven and a Vietnam veteran.

The City of Westland has recently requested a release of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. It is expected that the project will receive \$175,000 in federal funds in early August.

"We actually did the paperwork in 2002," said James Gilbert, director of housing and community development. "But we couldn't announce anything until we found the property."

The Veteran's Haven program is considered a supportive housing program for honorably discharged veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. While they are housed at Veteran's Haven, they will have access to certain services such as transportation, employment training, referral and legal services and credit repair counseling. Veterans who abuse alcohol or other substances will not be admitted to the program.

The Westland house will be the second stop for the four veterans selected to live

there. They must first "graduate" from a veteran's home in Wayne. The objective is to further assist the veterans during their stay in Westland, so that they may leave the house and support themselves independently.

"The Westland house will give them a further foundation and help them save more money," said Berna. "It should take each veteran about a year."

The Wayne house currently has four veterans – one from the Korean War and three from the Vietnam War. Berna said that three of the four are ready to be promoted to the Westland house. The fourth veteran is new to the program and will need a little more time. After the current four have moved out of the Wayne house, Berna said he has a waiting list of others who want to move in. He said he gets referrals from Veterans' Hospitals in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Berna said that he has gotten "full support" from both Wayne and Westland. "The mayors of Wayne and Westland were both very helpful," said Berna.

Of course, approval by the cities came with certain stipulations, but according to Berna, "We have the best looking house on the block in Wayne. It brings a lot of pride."

In addition to offering housing assistance to veterans, Berna's organization also offers cars to veterans and food to seniors and those with low incomes. For more information about receiving help or making a donation, visit the organization website at vetshaven.org or call (734) 728-0527.

Monument to history of Eight Mile Road is proposed by commission

Scott Spielman
Editor

Many people drive down Eight Mile or Base Line Road, but overlook the historical significance of the highway to the State of Michigan.

That could change if the Northville Arts Commission (NAC) and Northville artist Dave Barr have their way.

The road, which stretches nearly across the state, forms the base of the grid system for surveying land, a system experimented with in Ohio and perfected in Michigan, according to Barr. It forms the basis of the way roads are plotted out around the world.

Barr and NAC Chairperson Ken Naigus gave a brief presentation to the Northville City Council recently regarding a plan to accentuate that history and provide another link between Northville and the overall history of the state.

They proposed a historical sculpture be created and installed at the corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street that would describe the unique road and point to other points of historical interest.

"There are people that will go to every lighthouse or every peninsula," Barr said. "To me it'd be interesting to make a series of things throughout the state that would pull people in."

The 8-inch-miniature of the sculpture he brought to the meeting as an example incorporated a depiction of a surveyor's pole and the Washington Monument. The black and white striped sculpture would point out different

things at different times, depending on when the light struck it and where.

Barr has been involved in other work that combines art and history.

He's worked on projects along the U.S. Canadian border and is currently working on a structure in downtown Detroit that memorialized the legacy of labor. His most visible nearby work is the boy and hoop sculpture in front of Mill Race Historical Village.

He said the sculpture would be one of a string along Base Line Road.

"We're trying to make something that would be easy to maintain," he said. "It would resist graffiti."

Naigus said they hadn't yet approached the school district, which owns the land where the sculpture would be erected. He said he'd like them to get involved in the planning of it, too.

"Maybe they could decide what kind of things would be on the monument itself," he said.

He said the plan was still in its infancy. He wanted to gauge the interest in the plan before he committed to it and started the put things in motion.

"It's a bit of a chicken and egg thing," he said.

"It needs some form of OK before we can start to generate some funding."

Councilman Tom Swigart, who also sits on the Historic District Commission, said he heard the proposal at their meeting recently. It was well received there, he said.

"This is really fascinating to me," he said. "I think it's a great idea."

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Speed limit bill awaits governor's signature

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a speed limit bill into law last week that will allow township officials input with regard to local speed limits.

Last month, The Senate Transportation Committee approved the bill introduced by State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R - Canton) that would give Michigan townships more control over local speed limits. The bill was later approved in the Senate and was then sent on to the governor for approval.

With Granholm's signature, the bill would be the first notch in LaJoy's belt - the first bill he sponsored that was signed into

law.

The bill, Public Act 65 of 2003, allows townships to help set speed limits on roadways in their borders. Currently, only county road commissions and the Michigan State Police can decide speed limits on county roads in any given township, said LaJoy.

"This is a common-sense reform legislation that will give local officials an important voice in setting local speed limits," LaJoy, who is also a member of the House Transportation Committee, said.

"Many county roads in our area that were once rural have seen tremendous growth, and the speed limits need to change."

Under provisions of the new bill, if a township, county road

"This is a common-sense reform legislation that will give local officials an important voice in setting local speed limits."

Phil LaJoy

commission and state police officials determine the that traffic speed on a county highway is too fast or slow for conditions, they could act unanimously to establish a reasonable and safe maximum or minimum speed limit, according to LaJoy.

"Local officials deserve a seat at the table when speed limits are set for the area," he said. "Safety is the overwhelming con-

cern for many people who live on county highways, as well as easing congestion. The new law will empower local residents and township officials to help set the most optimal speed limits for their communities."

Chip Snider, Northville Township manager, said that all the major and county roads in Northville Township have speed limits that are reasonably set.

"We have always had a very positive experience working with the road commission, we've had a strong relationship," he said. "We don't anticipate any changes, we're satisfied with the current speed limits."

However, he said he is pleased with the bill and the new legislation will be a good safety net if there is ever a changing of the guard at the road commission.

"We are very pleased and excited to join in the process," said Steve Mann, Plymouth Township supervisor. "It's a nice addition to have. As areas change, the speed limits will change - we look forward to having a seat at the table on these matters."

Northville OK's purchase of sound system for downtown clock

Scott Spielman
Editor

The sounds of bells chiming on the hour and quarter hour will soon return to downtown Northville.

The city purchased a new sound system last week for the town clock located on East Main Street. The \$6,000 purchase was funded by the street furnishings budget of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The sound system will also have the capability of playing seasonal music, according to Jim Gallogly, director of Northville Public Works.

The city purchased a sound system for the clock many years ago, he said.

"People get used to it, and then things happen," he said.

In this case, there was no place to store the sound system near the clock, so it was placed in a cabinet near the band shell, an unheated compartment subject to high humidity during the wet months. Those conditions played havoc on the old system, and a \$3,000 attempt to service it several years ago was only a stop gap measure, he said.

"We've had some mechanical problems," he noted to the city council last Monday.

"It only works if I take it out to the shop and let it sit in the sun."

The new system, manufactured by Chime Master Systems of Ohio, doesn't have the same problems. It has no working parts, according to Gallogly and is guaranteed to work in any season. It's programmable up to 100 years, he said.

The clock would be able to announce every hour and quarter hour; play Christmas music throughout the holiday season and patriotic music on the Fourth of July and other federal holidays, he said.

"It can even play music on the mayor's birthday," he chimed in.

"If we want to program it, it'll be there."

The funds will come from the DDA, so the new system won't be a burden on the city or taxpayers. The purchase will be paid from the street furnishings fund, which has a balance of more than \$17,000.

"We haven't used it, so it's there to be used," Gallogly said.

The system will be installed this fall, and ready for use during the holiday season.

Canton students make Dean's list

Hope College recently named Catherine Jones and Ryan Weaver to the Dean's List for the second semester.

Both students are Canton Township

residents.

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Plymouth program is honored

The City of Plymouth didn't receive the big prize, but they did get recognition recently for efforts at citizen outreach.

The city received a certificate of achievement from the Michigan Municipal League (MML) for community outreach programs, according to City Manager Paul Sincock.

"It's a contest that's put on by the MML," he said.

Tom Alexandris, director of information technologies for the city, put together the entry and highlighted programs like the email and fax distribution program and the recent citizen's academy, which gave residents a chance to see what it was like working at the city. The citizen's academy gave residents a bird's eye view of municipal government – the types of challenges city workers face, the responsibilities of the various department heads, from treasurer to clerk to building officials and the police department.

The email and fax information distribution programs are ways for residents to stay informed about issues in the city, he said. Residents sign up for them and then get regular updates on everything from road closures and water main breaks to upcoming events.

George D. Goodman, executive director of the MML, said the programs showed the commitment from the city officials and employees to improve the quality of life for citizens.

"We didn't get the big award, but we got recognized," he said. "That's the important thing."

Residents who want to be added to the email alert information system should simply send an email to updates@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Gymnastics day set

Splitz Gymnastics USA joins thousands of organizations in celebrating the fifth annual National Gymnastics Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 2. There are tons of activities planned for the day at Splitz Gymnastics including a flip-a-thon, moon bounce, face painting, a giant obstacle course, demonstrations, food and raffles to enter.

Splitz Gymnastics is located at 8745 Old Lilley Road in Canton. All proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network.

Children's Miracle Network (CMN) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to generate funds and awareness programs to benefit hospitalized children served by CMN affiliated hospitals. One hundred percent of local donations stay in the community in which they are generated.

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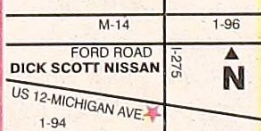
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Local man carves out solution to ash tree stumps

Scott Spielman
Editor

One Northville resident says he sees hope for dead or dying ash trees – or some of them, anyway.

Thousands of the trees are infected with a pest known as the Emerald Ash Borer and millions more are at risk but if worse comes to worst, he said, there may be an opportunity for some creative reprogramming for the unsightly stumps.

Fred Shadko, a township resident, has several examples in his front yard. The bark and first layers of skin have been stripped away from the dead trees and the remainder has been carved into the likeness of a bear, a wizened old man and his dog.

The idea came up shortly after he moved to the township in 1996.

"One of the reasons we came here was because of the trees," he said.

When he learned of the pest and the likely fate of the trees, he said he bit the bullet and contracted for their removal. Shortly after that, though, he was bemoaning his plight to a co-worker who suggested

he carve them up into something.

Another friend, a former chef turned carver, transformed the dead trees into the 15-foot high sculptures.

"The ash is wonderful wood to carve in," he said.

Shadko said he'd like to see more people make the most of the adverse situation caused by the Emerald Ash Borer. He also suggested that chunks of wood from the trees be donated to the Northville Dog Park to make a carving for it.

"If you come up with the log, I'll donate the carving of it," he said.

Since the borer lives in the bark and first few inches of skin, he said it should be safe to carve it, after that has been removed. He's waiting on confirmation on that, though. He also added that, with a polyurethane stain, the carvings could last as long as the trees themselves.

City officials were skeptically optimistic about the plan.

"Anything expressed to me is that you have to chip it into chunks or burn it," said Mayor Christopher Johnson. "If we can get rid of the pest, I'm behind it."

(See related story, page 6.)

2 stores ticketed for sale of alcohol to teen decoys

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Two Canton Township stores were ticketed for selling alcohol to minors last week.

The Canton Township Police Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) conducted an alcohol sales check last Monday at seven businesses within the township. Two were discovered selling alcohol to minors and cited, according to Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft.

Township officers have conducted random alcohol and tobacco compliance checks for the past several years, according to Raycraft.

"It's something that has always been there," said Raycraft. "We have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to selling alcohol and tobacco to minors."

The compliance operations are usually done during the summer months when youths are out of school, said Raycraft.

He said police send an 18 or 19-year-old into various businesses to attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages. Some of the businesses are targeted as a result of tips

and complaints. Other sites are picked at random.

If the teenager is successful and purchases alcohol, the SEU officer tickets the clerk who made the sale and violation notices are sent to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC).

The Oakview Party Store located at Palmer and Lilley and the 7-11 located at Warren and Morton Taylor were the two businesses where the teen decoy was able to purchase alcohol, according to the police reports.

"We've been doing checks for a while now and businesses know that we do," said Raycraft. "A lot of the time, the person that sells to a minor is new to the store and aren't clear what the store's policies are."

Due to the "zero tolerance" policy, Raycraft said, the clerks were cited by officers. The 35th District Court will set fines for the tickets and the MLCC will sanction the actual businesses, said Raycraft.

"It's not my policy to sell to minors. It's not something we do on a regular basis," said Al Hammoud, owner of the Oakview Party Store. "He (the clerk) is human, and humans make mistakes."

Bike rodeo planned in Plymouth

Scott Spielman
Editor

What's the best way to get a good turnout for an event designed to promote bicycle safety? Team up with a popular restaurant.

At least, that's what officers in the City of Plymouth Police Department are hoping when they put on a bicycle safety rodeo at the McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road Saturday morning.

"We'll inspect the bikes and make sure everything is working in the proper fashion," said Ofc. Jennifer Dergis, who is organizing the event. "We'll do helmet checks."

There will be prizes and giveaways and McDonald's characters will be on the scene, she said. Police officers will be there to demonstrate proper bicycle safety, as well.

"It's a way for residents to come out and meet a police officer, and make sure their children are taught safety, too," she said.

The event takes place from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, with a special drawing at 11:30. McDonalds will be promoting a new breakfast sandwich at the same time, and the event will also double as a fund-raiser for the police bicycle patrol. The staff at the restaurant approached the bike team about the idea, Dergis said.



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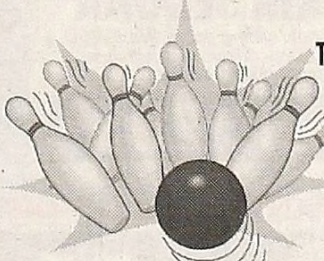
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Area mourns popular reporter

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

For weeks after he won the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Westland Youth Assistance Program, veteran journalist Doug Funke declined to tell his family and friends about the honor.

Mr. Funke, a reporter with 28 years experience in local journalism, didn't feel comfortable in the spotlight.

Last week, the *Observer & Eccentric* reporter and native of Inkster died suddenly of a heart attack while attending mass at St. Hilary Catholic Church in Redford. He was 50 years old.

A devout Catholic, Mr. Funke was the first of eight children growing up in a small home on Arlington Street.

Arlene Karell, Mr. Funke's youngest sister, said she remembers a quiet, studious young man who came into his own once he graduated from Cherry Hill High School and started attending classes at the University of Michigan.

"He started out as an engineering student," Karell said. Though there's 12 years between them, she remembers an older brother who, at a relatively young age, understood the importance of family.

"He was always interested in setting a good example for his brothers and sisters. He had a very strong faith and he put that forth to us and his own family. He enjoyed sharing his faith with his family."

Not long after deciding against becoming an engineer, Mr. Funke found journalism and went to work for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* as a sports writer. It was there that he met his future wife, Arlene. They married in April 1980.

Most recently, Mr. Funke's activities revolved around his family, his work and sharing his life experiences with young people.

An avid volunteer, Mr. Funke served as a mentor for children at the Westland Youth Assistance Program and coached youth athletic teams. He was also very much involved in his church as a

Eucharistic minister. Karell said it was important to her brother that these activities remain private.

"We asked him after he won the Volunteer of the Year Award, 'Why didn't you tell us?'" He told us that (winning awards) were not why he was (volunteering). He just said, "That's not what this was about," she said.

Mr. Funke decided to try his hand at politics by campaigning for supervisor of Redford Township, where he was a resident. Karell said her brother felt strongly about giving back to the community, which kept him in local journalism long after other reporters moved on.

"He felt very connected to the community," she said. "He felt very strongly about the role of local news."

Hugh Gallagher, the managing editor of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, said Mr. Funke's style of journalism and his grasp of local issues, not to mention his easygoing manner, will be missed in the newsroom.

"He had an uncanny ability to take a complex subject and make it understandable to the layperson," he said.

"He had a great sense of humor and always made other people laugh."

Most recently, Mr. Funke worked out the Livonia offices for the newspaper real estate section.

Doug Funke is survived by his wife, Arlene; one daughter, Louise; two sons, Christopher and Scott; his mother, Norma; six sisters, Arlene (James) Karell, Judy (Jack) Bodner, Nancy (Rick) Bagley, Karen (James) Senior, Cheryl Funke and Donna Funke (William Otting); a brother Bryan (Cathy) Funke, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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spending money, carry accident and health insurance and are anxious to share their cultural experiences.

The group representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student

applications and select the perfect match.

For the upcoming programs, students from Germany, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Finland, Hungary, Korea, Switzerland, Mexico, Italy, Paraguay, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, Belgium, Vietnam and other countries will be participating.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately to allow the proper time for students and hosts to become acquainted.

Wayne area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative should call 1-800-631-1818.

New office has room for growth

Last week Lynn Miller celebrated the grand opening of a dream when she opened her new Remerica Prestige Realtors office on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township.

More than 100 people attended the celebration to show their support and to wish her luck, according to Miller.

Her new venture has potential to become one of the largest Remerica's in southeast Michigan if she reaches her 80-agent goal, she said. Right now, she has 23 agents working for her but has room for 57 more.

"We have a dynamic crew," she said. "They're some of the best people in the business."

Besides having plenty of agents for cus-

tomers convenience, there will be in-office mortgage representatives for on-the-spot approval. The new office will also have a commercial division, she said.

The office also has a training center for new agents.

"This will be a great place for agents just starting out," she said. "We want to have the most highly technically trained people and the most professional crew," she added.

Although Miller owns the business, she has had plenty of help and support from her husband, Philip, and daughters, Madison, 12, and Dawn Chatterton, 26.

"It's a family run business," said Chatterton. "We have a lot of fun and we love working together."



Lynn Miller (center) with husband Philip, daughters Madison and Dawn and several of her agents: John Slicker, Paul Johnson, Linda Johnson, Marlene Fowler, Margie Taurianen, Tom Carmody and Chuck Henry stand outside the newly-opened Remerica office in Canton Township.

Belleville students named to Dean's List

Fifteen Belleville students have been named to the Dean's List for the winter semester at Schoolcraft College.

Students honored include: Mary Margaret Alford, Vanessa Lynn Arsineau, Andrea Marie Baggs, Johathan Paul Bingham, Brandon John

Bray, Tania Michelle Deal, Jessica Marie Gibson, Kimberly Michele Goodman, Brienne Erinn Hesse, David Scott Hickman, Beth Anne Jadzinski, Seth Robert Kleinglass, Elizabeth Nehez, Amy Lynn Whit and Grace Ellen Yates.

City of Wayne Housing Commission

4001 S Wayne Rd
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 721-8602

The City of Wayne Housing Commission has developed its Year 2004 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Commission's Office located at 4001 S. Wayne Rd, Wayne, Michigan 48184. The Commission hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday thru Friday. In addition, a public hearing will be held on, September 9, 2003 at the Department of Public Works building in the conference room from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

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July 31, 2003

CITY OF INKSTER MEETING ABSTRACT

THE City Council met at 7:39 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, July 7, 2003. Present: Councilpersons E. Hendricks, Kolberg, Moner, M. Hendricks and Mayor Hampton. Absent: Councilwomen Harris-Foster and Coleman-Richardson. Agenda approved with three (3) add-ons. Introduction of Gregory Gaskin, Deputy Police Chief Public participation and Mayor and Council Concerns. APPROVED: June 16th Council meeting minutes; Tetra Tech work on Round III Grant work; \$3,875.62 to Western Wayne County Fire Dept. Mutual Aid Association; Community Development Dept. to prepare assessment for Inkster Housing; use of property to Ronald Woodson; purchase of city owned property to Freddie & Candace Bishop and Lawrence A. Popiel; \$5,860.00 to annual membership dues paid to Conference of Western Wayne and \$2,678.00 to National League of Cities; City of Inkster's General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials E&O and Automobile Liability Insurance policies; \$5,190.00 to Plante & Moran; \$3,800.00 to Detroit Diamond Drill; \$7,500.00 to Alternative Service Concepts; \$15,000.00 to Inkster Summerfest Committee; authorization to appoint membership for Downtown Development Authority District; Public Hearing for October 20, 2003; Golden Gate Lodge Sale; Heigra Programs Family & Friends; add Crime Scene Unit # 187 to sale of excess equipment; Chloe Winifrey to hold a Memorial Celebration. DENIED sale of property to Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc., Cable Franchise Audit and Terrorism Insurance for City of Inkster. MEETING adjourned at 10:00 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner, CMC
Inkster City Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for band uniforms for Robichaud High School will be accepted until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 5, 2003 in the Equilla F. Bradford Administrative Center, Westwood Community Schools, 3335 S. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48126. Specifications may be picked up at the above location.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF INKSTER, MICHIGAN OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERE TO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Inkster, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of paying part or all of the cost of acquiring land and constructing certain capital improvements in the City, including demolition and site improvements.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be issued in one or more series, payable in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at public or private sale but in no event to exceed nine percent (9%) per annum on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

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Beloved star is well remembered

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Many generations have admired Katharine Hepburn, not only for the longevity of her career and her unquestioned talent, but for the person she was.

In *Kate Remembered* (G.P. Putnam's Sons, \$25.95) by A. Scott Berg, readers are treated to a glimpse inside the private life and personal reflections of a woman in her golden years. And in those years, readers will discover the strong personality that shone through in all the characters she portrayed on the screen remained.

Berg, a biographer of Max Perkins, Samuel Goldwyn and Charles Lindbergh, said he did not set out to write a true biography of Hepburn, but merely a recording of her reflections and his friendship with her in the last 20 years of her life. The book and friendship began with an initial interview for *Esquire* magazine in 1983.

Many may pick this book up to see if their perceptions of Hepburn were accurate. They won't be disappointed. It seems Hepburn fit both her image as the loving grandmother she portrayed in *On Golden Pond* and the sharp-tongued aristocrat in *The Philadelphia Story*. Readers find in *Remembered* that Hepburn

may remind them of the matriarchs in their lives – one moment very loving and the next very critical.

But Hepburn is immediately forgiven any exercise of her acerbic wit, because, well, because she's Katharine Hepburn. Readers will laugh and feel Berg's discomfort when she asks him to use the bathroom before their first interview. He willingly obeys because she's Hepburn, and his admiration has not waned.

Another example of Hepburn's complicated personality is her introduction of Berg to her sister and her husband. "Now this is Marion and Ellsworth Grant ... They've been married forever, they've been in love with each other forever, and they've been sleeping with each other since they were 15."

The Grants react in shock, but readers have to smile at Hepburn's outrageous honesty. She perceives and intends her comments as a compliment. And then, well she has a few uncomplimentary things to say about the poor taste being exercised in the redecoration of the couple's home.

Though descriptions of Hepburn's homes and re-telling of the manner in which the author conducted himself often bog down the story, these details are essen-



tial to understanding Hepburn, as she was a reclusive star. She could have had the best of everything, but she lived relatively modestly. While she had servants and good friends who cared for her, Berg makes it clear to readers that her living arrangements were not gaudy, but in good taste.

Small details reveal her as very much like some of the characters she portrayed. For example, Hepburn went swimming almost every day, rain or shine. Readers can easily imagine this as they recall her swimming in the lake in *On Golden Pond* and many other films.

For those readers looking for the juicy details of her opinions of other Hollywood actors, as well as her relationship with Spencer Tracy, the book does not disappoint. It leaves just enough detail to keep us wanting more. In many ways, the book is probably all that needs to be said about a fantastic life lived well.

Nines - Author's still going strong

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wealthy agent and her grateful publisher have all benefited. Her popularity, and Stephanie Plum's, increases with every book.

Evanovich is a talented, clever, and altogether witty woman with an uncanny sense of the absurd. Her writing jumps off the page and seduces readers' with bizarre situations and hilarious dialogue. Her characters, as eccentric, wild, and hilarious as they may be, are always believable. She imbues each of the crazies who populate Stephanie's world with enough humanity and genuine emotion to make even their nuttiest actions wholly acceptable.

In *To The Nines*, Stephanie is getting a little less clumsy and unsophisticated in her apprehension techniques—but the villains she's encountering are more malicious and determined. These may be the some of the scariest people she has bungled her way into during her less-than-stellar career.

As usual, Stephanie gets herself in over her head and becomes the target of the murderer she didn't even know she was pursuing. In addition to Ranger and Morelli, both of whom demonstrate Evanovich's talent for romance-novel sexual tension, she is helped by the irrepressible Lula, a former 'ho who has given up the lifestyle, but not the dress code.

Lula, who describes herself as a "plus size woman," is on an all-meat diet which she is sure will make her supermodel thin during the 5-hour flight time to Vegas. To that end, she has the aforementioned purse full of pork chops and roast chicken to get past airport security.

She and Stephanie are on their way to Sin City as they've discovered that Singh, and Boo, are visiting a lady friend there.

The cast of characters that usually populate Stephanie Plum's world is on hand, many even more amusing than ever.

This is pure escapism—and who doesn't need it these days?

Readers searching for a real mystery or authentic police procedural suspense novel best look elsewhere.

The identity of the villain here is as transparent as one of Lula's too-tight tops, the plot a little thin and some of the antics obviously contrived.

And that's really the fun. Evanovich doesn't take herself too seriously. This is a book written to entertain readers, not to demonstrate the author's intellect, vocabulary or knowledge of police work. She knows exactly what her purpose is—entertainment—and she doesn't stray off point.

It's excellent, wonderful, hilarious and highly recommended. Most readers will have laughed right out loud by page two.

It's a hoot, don't miss it.

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6. Legal-Notices

Attention:

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